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The View

GSU to hold its First Annual Colleges against Cancer-Relay for Life event

Come out April 5, from 2-10 p.m. at the Recreation and Fitness Center with your family and friends to be a part of the worldwide movement that will find a cure for cancer. Relay for Life is a family friendly community building event. Everyone is welcome.

It's not too late to participate...Join a team or make a donation to your favorite team.

Team Name

1. Dr. Blount's Adulthood Class -- Team leader: Kelly Harris
2. Team Catharsis (Psychology Club) -- Team leader: Douglas J. Nanfeldt
3. Marlene's Team/ T.L.C. -- Team leader: Doria Scott
4. Cancer Crusaders -- Team leader: Vanessa Newby
5. Anderson's Walking in May team -- Team leader: Machel R. Anderson
6. Team Spring Fever! (Career Services) -- Team leader: Jessica Specht
7. Determination -- Team leader: Shaniqua Jones
8. Phi-Alfa Omicron Beta-
Social Work Honor Society -- Team leader: Jada April- Brown
9. GSU DPT's -- Team leader: Hailey Corwin
10. SWSO -- Team leader: Brenda Rock
11. GSU TAU SIGMA -- Team leader: Archana Liggins
12. GSU Veterans Resource Center -- Team leader: VRC

For more information email: civicengagement@govst.edu or visit www.relayforlife.org/gsuil.

Civil Rights Film Series: "The Rosa Parks Story"

The next film being screened for GSU's Civil Rights Film Series is "The Rosa Parks Story," starring Angela Bassett. The film will be screened Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria annex. A discussion will be moderated by professor Rashidah Muhammad.

The film tells the story of the civil rights heroine, whose refusal to obey racial bus segregation was just one of her acts in her fight for justice. The screening is free and open to the public.

GSU to host autism workshop

Governors State University will present a workshop to help loved ones of those who are on the autism spectrum understand the difficulty they may have in processing and analyzing information they need to achieve educational standards recently adopted in Illinois.

The workshop will be held on Friday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room F1622. The workshop will be led by Timothy P. Kowalski, a speech and language pathologist and internationally known expert on Asperger Syndrome.

The workshop will analyze goals that take into account the challenges such students face and discuss techniques and strategies that help them succeed.

Immediately following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session along with a discussion lead by Governors State staff regarding best practices for specific situations that arise where assistance might be needed.

Professional development credit hours are available for this session. For registration and information, please visit www.govst.edu/oce/Autismworkshop, or call 708.534.4099. For professionals, use the registration code CE-PPEH01-01. There is a \$50 charge. The workshop is free for GSU faculty, staff and students. They are to use the code CE-PPEH01-02 when registering. Verification will be required.

Symposium on violence against women comes to GSU

Governors State University will host a free public forum, “Conversations on Violence Against Women: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Intimate Partner Violence,” on Thursday, April 3, 2014, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Beth E. Richie, director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy at the University of Illinois – Chicago, will discuss how race/ethnicity and social position affect women’s experience of violence and incarceration. Following her discussion, a panel of local experts will address a variety of issues related to intimate partner violence. A question-and-answer session will follow the panel discussion.

The department of social work, the department of criminal justice, Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work (Omicron Beta Chapter) and the Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice are hosting this symposium. To attend, please contact [Giesela Grumbach](#) or call 708.235.7690. Leave your name, email address and the number of people who will be attending. Three continuing education units will be provided for practitioners

Take time to save time on your writing

Are you writing a research paper this semester? Do you need help researching and writing your paper? Your GSU Library and Writing Center can help. Schedule you time now to attend one or both sessions of the following sessions:

Introduction to Online Library Resources

The library is your gateway to academic resources for assignments and research. In this session, you will learn to select relevant databases for your research, select search terms, find journal articles, and interpret database records and citations. Using the online catalog, accessing books and materials, and borrowing books from I-Share will also be reviewed.

Dates: Wednesday, March 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m. or Thursday, March 27: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Library, D2401C

If you have questions, contact associate professor Linda Geller, library instruction and workshop coordinator at 708.534.4136.

The Research Paper: Getting Started

Make a plan and make the grade. Find the resources that you need to write an almost stress-free research paper. Included will be discussions of analyzing the assignment to make certain your paper is on target; APA documentation styles and where to find the templates and information that make it so much easier; and the importance of developing a focus statement to make organizing the paper a snap.

Dates: Wednesday, April 2, 3-4 p.m. or Thursday, April 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Library, Room D2401C

If you have questions, contact the Writing Center at 708.235.7337.

GSU's bookstore is having a sale

The GSU bookstore is having a sale March 24-28. There will be discounts of up to 50 percent on select clothing as well as deals on other products. Be sure to visit the bookstore and stock up on your favorite items.

General education symposium – electronic portfolios

GSU is announces the next in our series of general education symposiums. Electronic portfolios will be the subject on Friday, April 4, 2014.

Dr. Kathleen Yancey, Kellogg W. Hunt Professor of English and distinguished research professor at Florida State University, is a nationally recognized expert on the topic of ePortfolios. She leads the Inter/National Coalition for Electronic Portfolio Research.

Join us as Dr. Yancey begins with an ePortfolio review (definitions, models, options), then shares her experience on their purpose and uses. She will then discuss the details of creating ePortfolios and how they can be used for both our students, faculty and staff.

The symposium will begin with a continental breakfast on the Center for Performing Arts stage at 8:30 a.m. The work will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served. After lunch, faculty and any interested staff will be encouraged to stay and dig more deeply into the topic – including how to help students create their own ePortfolios and how they can be used further in assessment. Dr. Yancey will also address the issue of rubrics used for a variety of evaluation purposes.

The use of ePortfolios is “a campus/community wide effort,” Dr. Yancey said. If GSU wants the “eportfolios [to] provide a site for integration of student learning, students will need support from all corners of the campus.”

RSVP's are required. Please RSVP via return email or by calling x4130.

Sculpture park director honored by local arts group

Geoffrey Bates, director and curator for GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, was honored March 8 by the Tall Grass Arts Association at its Beaux Arts Ball.

Bates was honored not only for bringing greater exposure to the sculpture park and raising its profile to national prominence, but for his support of the arts as a whole throughout the South Suburbs. Bates has served as a juror and participant at other arts associations' events. He also hosted a GSU tour to a sculpture exhibit at Tall Grass in Park Forest.

The association expressed "its warmest appreciation to Geoff Bates for his creative leadership in the arts and his great generosity in sharing his talents." Now that GSU will have its first student residence open in the fall, a recurring theme is to have our students live and study in art. Geoff Bates has been instrumental in making that happen.

GSU president, Elaine P. Maimon, was similarly honored by the Tall Grass Arts Association in 2009.



Geoff Bates speaks before members of the Tall Grass Arts Association.

Internship and career fair

Students, alumni and community members are invited to the Spring 2014 Career and Internship Fair, which focuses on the fields of communications, technology, business and public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies and community health.

The fair will be Thursday, April 17, from 2-5 p.m. in the lobbies of the Center for Performing Arts and the Hall of Governors. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet employers who are recruiting for interns and full-time employees. For more information visit

[http://www.govst.edu/Campus Life/Career Services/Upcoming Events and Career Fairs/](http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/Upcoming_Events_and_Career_Fairs/) or call 708.235.3974

Student speakers needed for commencement

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014. This year GSU will hold two ceremonies; one at 10 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. The university will have two commencement speakers, one for each ceremony. We will need candidates to represent all colleges, so please make a conscious effort to nominate deserving students for this honor.

To nominate a student speaker, access the nomination form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpringCommencementspeakernomination> and fill out the nomination form and the recommendation form no later than April 2.

In order for students to be eligible they must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, April 11, 2014 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please be sure to share the information with your nominee before you submit the nomination.

For more information, contact ext. 4552.

GSU to host Fourth Annual Gender Matters Conference

The Fourth Annual Gender Matters Conference, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," will be held at Governors State University on April 11-12, 2014.

Gender Matters is an academic conference that highlights research on gender, women and sexuality across all disciplines and historical periods. This year's conference brings together students, activists and researchers from around the globe to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society.

This year's theme, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," focuses attention on positive deviance, on exploring what works as we seek solutions and improvements to the challenges faced by our world. While conference planners invite work on all matters of gender, we are particularly interested in work that explores how evidence-based practices and outcomes related to gender and/or sexuality are used to affect positive change, behaviors, beliefs, attitudes, policies and procedures.

Pre-registration for the conference is required and the deadline is March 17. Information about the conference, registrations fees, and a preliminary program, can be found at www.govst.edu/gendermatters.

Celebrating Women's History Month

Governors State University proudly celebrates Women's History Month with a series of events throughout March. Prior to the 1970's, the topic of women's history was largely missing from general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" originally celebrated in 1978 and chose the week of March 8 to coincide with International Women's Day. The celebration was met with positive response, and in 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March. For complete and updated information, please visit our website www.govst.edu/diversity.

Women and STEM Tribute

March 1–31

Display Case: 1st floor, B-Building

When you are walking down the hall of the B-wing, stop and take a look at the display of exceptional women involved with STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. For more information, email vnewby@govst.edu.

PechaKucha Night

Wednesday, March 26

6-7 p.m., E-Lounge

PechaKucha Night is an event that comes in a presentation format, where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. Present your ideas, interests and hobbies at this event. For more information, email diversity@govst.edu.

"Our Bodies, Our Labor, Ourselves: Reproductive Technologies and Women's Rights"

Thursday, March 27

4:30–6 p.m., E1540

This is a class that will discuss modern reproductive technologies such as surrogacy, in vitro fertilization, and prenatal testing as powerful resources. For more information, email balmassi@govst.edu.

Women's Night poetry reading

March 27

5–6 p.m., café annex

Ladies are invited to participate in a poetry reading of your choice; selections must go along with the subject of women's rights and/or women's equality. For more information, email gzapolska@student.govst.edu.

Women's History Month Closing Event: "Mama's Place"

March 28

7 p.m., Sherman Recital Hall

Join us for a "Student Performance Spotlight" featuring Allen-Patricia Britten, this year's GSU Idol winner, who performs highlights of her original production of "Mama's Place." This is a story of one mother's daily challenges as she struggles to raise five scrappy children with limited resources and negative outside influences. Her story will move you from laughter to tears particularly when a social worker shows up at her door; she risks losing it all as she fights to uphold her Christian values against a system in opposition to her beliefs. For more information, email diversity@govst.edu.

If you have any questions, please email vnewby@govst.edu or call 708.534.4551 for more information.

Call for programs for Women's History Month

If you have any events, programs or open classes for Women's History Month, please send the details to diversityprograms@govst.edu to have them included in the calendar of events.

Women's History Month is in March. As in the past, Student Life is putting together a host of events to honor the month. As part of the events calendar, please consider hosting an open class if any of your content is relevant. The theme is Women of Character, Courage and Commitment – though your case can relate generally to Women's History Month.

To submit a presentation (open class) please complete the survey at [survey monkey](#). Information about other events for Women's History Month can be found on the [Campus Life](#) page.

Documentary comes to GSU from theater and performance studies department



"Still Life," a documentary about the post-Vietnam experience, comes to GSU.

"Still Life," a documentary by Emily Mann and directed by Dr. Patrick Santoro, comes to Sherman Hall for two showings on April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

Shaped by the author from conversations with the people whose experience she sets forth, the documentary play explores the way that Vietnam has affected three lives: a Marine veteran, his estranged wife, and his mistress. The man confesses that he killed a Vietnamese family in cold blood and, carrying the seeds of violence with him, returned home to brutalize his pregnant wife. The wife, disillusioned and unhappy, wants to ignore the terrors that haunt her husband, believing that in time the awful memories will fade, while the mistress, an angry feminist, blames the man's destructiveness on the forces that conditioned him before he went to Vietnam.

In the end, these three become a metaphor for the nation as a whole—still trying to understand and overcome the lingering trauma that is the bitter legacy of the Vietnam experience.

The production has mature themes. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students.

To order tickets, visit CenterTickets.net, or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

Campus menu and myONECARD

The campus dining menu for March, as well as the newsletter, are now available online. Check out the campus dining website (http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Dining/) for its calendar of daily hot entrees at lunch and dinner. Be sure to check out the March newsletter, which describes specials planned for the month.

Also, be sure to pick up your new myONECARD from the office of Auxiliary Services and University Housing (C1330) or the Welcome Center (D Building, Main Entrance). Click [here](#) for more information about myONECARD.

GSU to host info session/open house on doctor of physical therapy degree program

GSU's Department of Physical Therapy will host an information session/open house for the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program on Wednesday, March 26, from 4-7:30 p.m. in room D-34000.

GSU offers an on-campus, entry-level doctor of physical therapy degree for those interested in starting a career as a physical therapist. Information about prerequisite requirements, admission criteria and course curricula will be available. Attend to have your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Tracy](#) or call 708.534.7290.